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SUBJECT LETTER. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

2) BEGIN TEXT

DEAR DR. KISSINGER,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 7TH JANUARY 1977; I WAS PLEASED
TO RECEIVE IT.

I HAVE NOW SEEN MR. RICHARD ON TWO OCCASIONS - BEFORE
AND AFTER THE LUSAKA MEETING. I THINK WE UNDERSTAND EACH
OTHER. I WAS ABLE TO ASSURE HIM, ON MY OWN BEHALF
AND ON BEHALF OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THAT ONCE AN INTERIM
GOVERNMENT WAS AGREED UPON, AND HAD TAKEN OFFICE, THE
LIBERATION WAR WOULD COME TO AN END. THE PROBLEM IS
GETTING AGREEMENT ON WHAT FORM AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WILL
TAKE, NOT IN STOPPING THE WAR IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED.
AND ALTHOUGH I AM NOT PESSIMISTIC, AND HAVE HIGH REGARD
FOR MR. RICHARD'S ABILITY AND DETERMINATION, I THINK
IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO BE SURE THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN.
I DO NOT TRUST MR. SMITH, AND MR. VORSTER'S PURPOSES

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ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE FREE AFRICAN STATES.

AT LUSAKA WE DID DISCUSS NAMIBIA, AND AFTERWARDS
I HAD A DISCUSSION WITH MR. NUJOMA. YOU KNOW OUR OBJECTIVE;
IT IS INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA AS A SINGLE UNIT AND ON
THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE. AND YOU KNOW THAT, IN COMPANY

WITH THE U.N. AND THE O.A.U., WE REGARD SWAPO AS THE ONLY
LEGITIMATE NATIONALIST ORGANISATION OF NAMIBIA.

WE BELIEVE THAT IF THERE IS TO BE HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL
TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO
THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, THERE NOW HAS TO BE A CONFERENCE
BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS. BOTH SIDES SHOULD CHOOSE THEIR OWN
DELEGATES TO SUCH A CONFERENCE, BUT IN ORDER THAT SWAPO
MAY DO SO, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR SWAPO PRISONERS AND
DETAINEES WHO ARE NOW IN JAILS UNDER SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROL
TO BE RELEASED. AS SOON AS HE IS ASSURED THAT ALL THOSE
WHOSE PRESENCE IS NECESSARY WILL BE RELEASED IN TIME,
AND ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO WHERE THE CONFERENCE IS
HELD, MR. NUJOMA WILL BE READY TO ATTEND SUCH A
CONFERENCE. I SHALL BE VERY GLAD IF YOU ARE ABLE
TO DO ANYTHING TO FACILITATE FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THIS
MATTER WITHIN THE FEW DAYS OF OFFICE WHICH REMAIN
TO YOU. I HOPE TOO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LET
YOUR SUCCESSOR KNOW THAT WE BELIEVE A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE FOR NAMIBIA SHOULD NOW BE CONVENED.

AS THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME WE SHALL BE IN
CORRESPONDENCE WHILE YOU HOLD THIS POSITION, ALLOW
ME TO CONCLUDE BY SENDING MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES
TO YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AGAIN ON SOME
FUTURE OCCASION.

YOURS SINCERELY,

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